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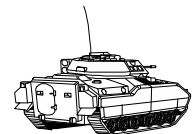
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MULTIYEAR CONTRACT PROCURES 50 MORE LONGBOW APACHES

On 16 August 1996, the Army and McDonnell Douglas signed a multiyear agreement for the production of 232 AH-64D Longbow Apaches over the next five years. The \$1.9 billion contract will procure 50 more aircraft compared to five single year acquisitions. The initial phase of the contract, signed last December, provided for delivery of 18 remanufactured Longbow Apaches in the first year of production. The multiyear purchase increases the production rate in the first year to 24 aircraft with first deliveries scheduled for March 1997.

PEO GCSS BENEFITTING FROM SINGLE PROCESS INITIATIVE (SPI)



The PEO, Ground Combat and Support Systems (GCSS) is aggressively applying SPI to its Bradley Fighting Vehicle (BFV) programs and anticipates saving over one-half million dollars. Contracting with United Defense Limited Partnership (UDLP), SPI is being instituted for several processes -- welding procedures, receiving and source inspections, cyclical supplier audits and special testing. The PM, Wide Area Munitions' (WAM) approval of two concept papers (soldering and manufacturing management) makes WAM one of the most recent SPI players.



ARMY PUBLISHES SPI GUIDEBOOK

The guidebook provides Army SPI participants a comprehensive understanding of the SPI, to include the latest policy guidance, an overview of the process, and lessons learned based on participation of Army personnel that have been involved in the process. It provides "how to" information for both Army Component Team Leaders and others in the Army community involved in the SPI process to ensure their participation is both proactive and effective. Contact the Army Program Coordinator, Marilyn Harris-Harpe, if you have questions or need copies of the guidebook at DSN 761-7561, commercial (703) 681-7561 or email, harrism@sarda.army.mil.